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TAYLOR COUNTY

Judge, Taylor County.

north and south through the times of the year. county seat, said roads to be The proposed road would form properly surfaced with gravel or the main arteries of a system crushed rock with proper grades which could be extended ultiand suitable bridges such as will mately to all parts of the county. make first class roads.

one who regrets that these roads roads. have been built but all are con- At first view it might look

roads go with each other. The good road with the Cedar Gap auto is here to stay and we can road via Ovalo and Bradshaw to not ignore the fact, and the town the county line is 29 1-5 miles, or community that does not while the distance from same build good roads will soon be left point via Buffalo Gap is 30 2-5 behind in the procession of pro-miles, making the Buffalo Gap

ance of good gravel an the easy Gap route has already been grades in this county, good roads graveled this would be much the are cheaply built and easily cheaper route. maintained at a low cost. Of Now as to the cost, 5 per cent course it would be desirable if a on \$100,000 is \$5000. In addigood road could be built to every tion to this on 40-year bonds, 1man's farm in the county, but 40 of the principal will have to this is impracticable. I sometimes find farmers that will op- tal of \$7500, which will have to cultivators. M. Armstrong. pose the building of a good road be raised each year by taxation. because the same does not come Our valuations are over \$14,000, by or near their farms. As it is 000; hence 512 cents on the \$100 impracticable to build gravel valuation will be more than and stone roads to every man's enough to create the interest grade piano, almost new, for an pastor Central Presbyterian result the tramp proved to be a Merkel voters will be apprised farm, I ask the question will not and sinking fund. I would like automobile. Enquire at the Church of Sweetwater, will success and all the boys had a of the probable men who will those who do not live near the for every voter before he oppo- Mail office. proposed roads cooperate with ses this issue to take his taxable the greatest number of people. figure out just how much tax he

line, a distance of 24 2-5 miles. for the benefit of his neighbors cled in a laurel wreath of gold. I estimate this road can be built and his country in general.

TWO CARDINAL ROADS FOR part of the Fort Worth-El Paso southern end will be on the main road to Ballinger and San Ange-BY E. M. Overshiner, County lo, which in my judgment will be ultimately connected up in one I desire to call the attention of great north and south highway. the people of this county to the Besides proposed roads would proposition that we should have give nearly all of the towns diat least two good cardinal roads rect and convenient access to the through the county, one extend- county seat, roads that could be ing east and west and the other traveled in all seasons and at all

For example Merkel might sub-Commissioners Precinct No.1 sequently build a good road already has about 50 miles of south to Blair and Nubia and first class gravel and stone roads north to the county line. Tuscobuilt at a cost of \$150,000. These la might build a branch to the roads have been in use about five Jim Ned community; Ovalo to years. They are maintaned out Lawn and Bradshaw to Shep. of the general road and bridge These roads might be built with tax for the precinct and in addi- district bond issues, or a subsetion thereto a tax to create in- quent system of improvement terest and sinking fund on the might be worked out for the bonds of 15 cents on the hun- whole county. It is only about dred dollars valuation of taxable 3 7-10 miles from Caps to View property in the precinct. After which could also be included in using the roads the past four or the system. But I am only pleadfive years there are hardly any ing now for the two cardinal

vinced that we have a lasting like that the Cedar Gap route and permanent asset not only to would be the most practicable the community but to the coun- for the southern cardinal road. The distance by this route from The automobile and the good the intersection of the present route only 1 3-5 miles longer, Owing generally to the abund- and as 6 miles of the Buffalo

be raised each year making a tothe other citizens of the county property according to the valuain securing the greatest good to tions as they are assessed and In brief, I propose a 3100.000 will have to pay, for instance, if bond issue to be voted on by the he has \$1000 worth of taxable and a number of farm tools; on that the choir have a large place whole county to build the follow- property his yearly tax will be my farm at the bridge on Sweet- on the program. Choir practice ing roads: First, extend the 55 cents, and if he still decides good road west from Tye to oppose it, I would like for him throug Merkel and Trent to the to tell when he argues against it. commisioners precinct No. 2. has taken all of these things in- kel, Route 2. Second, extend the Buffalo Gap to consideration, even if he does road through Buffalo Gap, then not consider it of any value to to Tuscola and Ovalo, thence himself, ask himself whether or a pin: Center a blue 5-pointed west and southwest through not he is willing to contribute star with initials S. H.N. in gold, Guion and Bradshaw to county his amount whatever it may be underneath 99 in blue, all encir-

at an average cost of \$2000 per In the plan I have laid out mile; but of course it would take there is no chance for a misun- Mail office. determine the cost within reas- just exactly along what routes A. L. Jobe, Krenshaw Block, Dan, as he was known to all, was onable degree of certainty. If the roads will be built. There is Kent St. the cost was \$2000 per mile that no reason for any one being despent in building good roads osition, for if the measure car- with top, side curtains, used 8 Merkel Country in January, which should be applied on such ries he knows just exactly what months. Price, with a fairly 1903. He joined the M.E.Church and as the commisioners court is going to be done with the pro- good set of harness, \$60. Same in 1898, and died in the faith. deem proper. There is ceeds. It is a business proposi- may be seen at my residence at To know Uncle Dan was to be ed in the Abilene and figures before you. Do you de- 50, Merkel, Texas. oad and I would insist sire these roads? If so it will be letion of that before necessary for you to get up petithe completion commissioners court. And be- Phone 69, or The Merkel Mail. 1s. Commis- fore these petitions are present-1, pays ed I would like to, if possible, that on the south side. S. F. Haynes. them in their grief. of the every voter in each voting box ney be seen and his name secured on the petition. If you desire these seed. Made 39-per cent lint. Jesus has told us how to meet

ads now is the time to act. on will notice the average of the roads built in Pre-1 . was about \$3000. ed about 5 miles of 16 oot stone road costly.Gran be built

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U. B. Wheeler

county line, a distance of 16 1-5 just how much it is going to cost cash and 1233/4-acre farm for are cordially invited to take ac- since. This young couple opermiles, all of which will be in him each year. After the voter larger place. W.J. Rogers, Mer- tive part. 23t4pd

LOST-Somewhere in Merkel 10 a. m.

Mrs. J. M. Williason. Finder please leave at Merkel 3Mar2tch

Housekeeper Wanted —White re taken into con- tions and present them to the girl for couple, light work.

FOR SALE-Mebane cotton S. F. Haynes.

Lots of Blacksmith Coal. Crown Hardware Co.

Pure east Texas Ribbon Cane the eternal rest. d which cost more syrup. Made by a farmer. In mile, besides a- gallon buckets at Bob Martin's.

See Sublett, the jeweler, for

o \$2500 I give the highest price for will leave at once for her home. 7th of products, and sell dry goods and Mrs. Cook formerly lived here A. L. Jobe, Kent St. Vicinity.

Go-To-Church-Month.

Merkel designated March as Go- review by Scoutmaster Mefford To-Church month. The Pastor the hike for the day was started. will occupy the pulpit the first The boys were very anxious to assert their mind at once. and second Sundays and outside get to the prospective camping If no probable aspira Following the Go-To-Church effort on the Scoutmaster's part voters would be both practicamonth and including the first to get the boys into the proper ble and business like, at which a and second Sundays of April, gait for the trip, but after about selection of a citizens' ticket special evangelistic services will four miles the boys began to could be made. Before another WANTED-To trade high be held. Rev. Geo. W. Beck, listen to instructions, and as a week has passed it is hoped that

FOR SALE-Four mares, one Church entertains the Sunday and then the trailing went up 2-year-old mare, one young School Association of Abilene and down the creek. At 5:15 tion or intent to foster the cause jack and two fenets, all well Presbytery, central district. For the troop started home reaching of any person or persons, the abred; one binder and one seeder, all these services we are anxious Merkel just at sundown. water Creek on the Roby Road will be held every Friday even-2tpd ing at 8 o'clock. All members the Butman community, paid us FOR TRADE - \$5000.00 in are urged to attend and others a very welcome visit a few days

H. C. West, Supt.

From a Friend.

D. R. Chancey died February 10, at his home in the Mulberry community, at the age of 61. His death was sudden, heart a careful survey and estimate to derstanding about it. You know WANTED-1000 dozen eggs. trouble being the cause. Uncle born in Alabama, January 21, 1856, and moved to Coryell counwould leave \$19,000 yet to be ceived into voting for the prop- FOR SALE - \$110 buggy, ty, Texas, in 1890, and to the a gap of 4 1-4 miles to be tion and I have laid the facts and any time. J. W. Powell, Phone his friend. He was buried by the posed of ten dozen eggs on their 1tpd side of his wife at Midway.

'Uncle Dan leaves two daughters, Misses Frankie and Maggie Lee, also one son, H.R., to mourn his departure. The sympathy of FOR RENT-House close in a host of friends goes out to

> Uncle Dan is gone now, and we'll see him here no more, but tf him on yonder shore.

Sooner or later we must die. 2312 Life is short at best, then while we live let's try to prepare for C.L.W.

Let us labor continuously Mrs.Jessie Cook, of Las Vegas, your clock and watch repairing. W. M., is visiting the your clock and watch repairing. W. B. Butler, her uncle. She

SCHOOL NOTES

Merkel, Feb. 24-The Merkel

ning Caps opened up with a se- ment are ushered into office. ries of long hits and closed the This condition should not be base hit, scoring the two men on for a term of two years. the bases. The third inning fourth 4 and 5 in favor of Mer- election.

Brady and Stevens scored and cision to be a candidate. the game ended with the result-

is the general decision.

Merkel is anxious for Abilene to hurry and get in the game.

Last Saturday morning at eight o'clock the Boy Scouts met Grace Presbyterian Church of at the school house and after a speakers the third and fourth. place and it required some little 16t3pd preach at these special services. good time. The hike went out to manage the affairs of the city On April 24 and 25, Grace Bitter Creek, about eight miles, for another two years.

Advocates of Diversification. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, of ates the "Picket Farm," and Go-To-Church in time to be at they are enthusiastic about the vested in me as Mayor of the the opening of Sunday School, use of modern methods and di- City of Mercel, I hereby order an versification. They believe in election to be held in said city at Hubert E. Bullock, Pastor. making their efforts count for the city fire station thereof, on the most. A feature of their bu- the first Tuesday in April, 1917, siness at present reaches exten- the same being the 3d day of sively into the poultry line. They said month, for the purpose of have just purchased several in- electing a Mayor, a Secretary, a cubators and expect to do a Marshall, and two aldermen for large business. That part of the full term of two years, and one Great Merkel Country is espec- alderman for one year, to fill out ially adapted to the raising of J. R. Toombs' unexpired term. poultry, and when it is consider- B. C. Gaither is hereby ap ed that eggs are worth at pres- pointed presiding officer at said ent 25 cents a dozen, poultry at election, and the polls shall be top notch prices and turkeys as opened at 8-o'clock a. m. and high as yearlings used to be, the closed at 6 o'clock p. m. profits of the business are manifest. Mr. and Mrs. Butman dis- Merkel. trip and soon expect to visit the market regularly with many times that number. They are also raising hogs and doing a gen- cape Tuesday when their cars eral farm and ranch business. collided on an approach to a They believe that their efforts bridge west of Merkel. Sam will pay and are launching out Grayson, and son, Hugh, in their with an enthusiasm that knows Ford car, and Earnest Graves, of no defeat. We wish for them Hatchel, Coleman county, J. Mcevery success.

Six Per Cent Money

what you have and find out what with the exception of a slight we can do for you before you cut on Mr. Smith's face. Messrs. place your loan. Compere & McDaniel and Graves are visit-Compere, District Managers, Ab- ing at the home of Mr. Smith, ilene, Texas.

Service Car day or night-Mar-Bee Cafe. Night phone No. 9. quire at Farmers' State Bank.

THE NEAR ELECTION

As usual in this city, as the High School baseball team open- election rapidly approaches, a ed its season today by playing pall of silence seems to gather, Caps School team in a fast hanging close to earth untill the game, ending in a victory for the eleventh hour, lifting as it does home team, the score being 12 to a day or two before the election. 5. The game was "peppy" from and a few who chose to present beginning to end. In the first in- their names at the very last mo-

inning with two scores to Mer- made one of criticism to those kel's nothing. In the second in- who see fit to announce at the ning Merkel tied the score when eleventh hour but it certainly Brady opened up with a two- creates an uncertainty of decisbase hit and Burns followed ion in the minds of the voters as with a safe bunt, then Coates to whom they shall select to came to the bat, made a three- manage the affairs of the city

To the writer these affairs are was a shut out for both sides. In ultra-important and to this late the fourth inning Merkel opened date not a Merkel citizen who asup again when Brady, Pipes and pires, if they do, to fill any of the Hamlett scored and Caps offices of the city government, brought in two more runs, mak- has so much as publicly hinted ing the score at the end of the that he would be a candidate for

If there be a man who desires In the fifth Merkel went head to place his name before the vowhen Adams scored and Coates ters of this city, let him have inpoled the horsehide for a home terest enough in the office, even run. In sixth Laney was sub- at its meagre pay, to assert himstituted for pipes and scored. self. If this aspirant should be In the seventh Caps scored one of the foremost business again and Merkel made a bunch men of Merkel, the voters should of scores when Adams, Burns, be given time to know of his de-

That the honor is small and the pay even less is unquestion-Our friend Aaron umpired the ed but all offices within the gift game, and he is a good one too, of the voters of the City of Merkel are important and should be The game was played at Tye. filled by competent business men, and to me it seems that the time is at hand when those who intend to present their claims should make public announcement of their intent. If there be parties who have friends whose cause they espouse it should be their duty as well to

forthcoming a mass meeting of

Without the slightest suggesbove is respectfully submitted for the careful perusal of all voters of Merkel.

Homer L. Easterwood.

ELECTION NOTICE

By virtue of the authority

J. J. Stallings, Mayor, City of

Auto Wreck.

Sam Grayson and Earnest Graves had a very narrow es-Daniel, of Gooldbus, Coleman county, and Thos. Smith and son, E. C., of Merkel, in the Graves On good improved farms. 25 Overland. Both cars were badvears in the business. Write us ly damaged. No one was hurt, the former being a brother-inlaw, the later a nephew.

Pure Mebane cotton seed \$2 that groceries at the lowest possible and has many friends in this vin Boney. Phone 263, Busy per bu., if taken, at once. InStatement of Condition

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Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
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The above statement is correct.

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News From Trent.

nome west of town.

sey is showing improvement Lubbock to visit his uncle. from a case of pneumonia.

ng some wires on top of a tel- day. plinter through it.

boy, Wednesday.

at Merkel Tuesday night.

Married last Saturday night, and Saturday. lives south of Trent.

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Observation

of this place, died at the home of Trent, Tex., Feb. 21-Miss his son, Hezekiah, who lives in Lizzie Burton is suffering from Fannin county. He was sent a nervous breakdown at her here for burial last Saturday, February 10.

Seth Massey, son of E. D.Mas- Earnest Massey has gone to

Miss Cole of Abilene visited O. S. Robinson, while adjust- Miss J. Hill Saturday and Sun-

phone post fell Saturday, in- Alex. Williamson who has been flicting a serious wound in his under the treatment of Dr. Pue right hand by running a large for the past two weeks, is improving.

Born to Mr.and Mrs.Geo.King Mrs. W. A. Abbott has been real sick the past week.

Some few attended the show Miss Norma Irwin, Ft. Worth, visited her parents here Friday

Rueben Reeves and Miss Beat- The box supper was a success, rice Stevens. The bride is a the proceeds amounting to \$82. daughter of T. L. Stevens, who 95, was to help furnish a library for the school.

"Grandpa" Barnett, formerly Misses Harkins and Estep will give a recital in expression and music Friday night in the auditorium.

> Fields day will be observed by the Trent school here March 2d. Races, contests and everything that goes to make up a program. will be given.

There are about 20 cases of measles in this community, none of which are serious.

M. G. Scott and w. c. have returned from Dallas where they went to buy their spring and summer goods.

The main street of Trent is being worked, filling in the low places with sand and covering all with gravel.

E. C. "Bud" Brown who has been sick for the past two months is able to be in town.He says he "feels well again."

Miss Lota Wagnon was called to the bedside of her sister, who is in school at Brownwood, she having had an operation for appendicitis. She is reported im-

proving now. Mrs. H. H. Prater entertained at her country home 41/2 miles west of Trent Thursday afternoon from 2 to 6. Quilting was the "game". Cakes, popcorn and divinity were served to Mesdames J.A. McRee, J.R.McLeody L.E. Adrain, J.I.Leamon, Grand-Sleeper ma O'Rear, C. L. Beckham, L. Graham, Misses Jennie Vieve McRee, Elsie Peterson of Merkel and Geta Beckham. All had a great time.

> Married, Ben Howell and Miss Rossie May Scott of Georgia. Ben is the sen of D. S. Howell of this place. They are with his fa-

ther at present.

(Ed. Note-We were indeed sbrry to have omitted the above plendid letter from last week's issue. It came just a little late for attention).

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Still At The Old Stand

J. P. SHARP

Prosperity At Trent. Trent, Route 5-Our whiskey is out, Mr. Editor, and we have nothing more exilerating to inspire our pen than stale, insipid tank water, a most woeful predicament for a kid of a boy to be in. We are threatened with an epidemic of measles. Mr. Marion Winter, one of the prominent young farmers of Shiloh, a patron, staunch friend and admirer of the Merkel Mail, reports the families of Walter Smith, Jim Bennet and Jenning Winter

afflicted with the painful malady. Quite a number of our neighbors attended the singing at Noodle Sunday. An excellent and most delicious dinner was spread, enough to satiate the hunger of a regiment of men. The people of Noodle are noted for their kind, genial natures and princely hospitality. The music, both vocal and instrumental, was indeed sweet, melodious and entrancing. It was a gala day for all present, a social feast and oasis in our monotonous tread-mill existence.

Mr. W. L. Johnson and Mr. M. L. Rutlege spent Sunday with Mr. Milton Tiner.

Miss Lettye Jones, one of the beautiful and charming young ladies of Anson, is spending the week with Mrs. Ulric Wheeler, and other friends, and seems to enjoy the rural outing.

Last Monday we met Mr. T.J. Blackmon, who pays for two subscriptions to the Merkel Mail.

Mrs. Bessie Johnson of Valley View is spending the week with her mother, Grandma Tiner, and her brothers, Messrs. Bill and Milton Tiner.

Our beautiful and picturesque town of Trent is putting on city airs, judging from the recent the people, the Methodist church "I had rather be in the calathe past year was something o- feet. perous people. Mr. L. E. Arion "pro bono publico"! general inteligence of the people. lodge.



FOR MAKING &

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improvements of the streets, costing \$3000, the Baptist \$2000 boose, chain gang or jail, new houses being built, etc. The and the Christian \$2000. Mr. Than live on a farm without streets have been graveld and J. I. Swain, another prominent The Merkel Mail" present a neat appearance. We merchant, speaks in highest The songster, if not the Hon.

M. G. Scott & Bro., one of the was burned at Trent Monday, blance to him, for he was sure largest commercial houses in the making a terrible big blaze, the pretty. town, whose cash and credit sales lurid flames reaching up 30 or 40 We regret to report the se-

ing exceedingly good, something ing Mr.J.J. Shelton, a prominent Ulric Wheeler, who has a severe over 95 per cent, which is highly cotton buyer of Merkel, a bright case of pneumonia. We hope creditable to the people of Trent and polished gentleman, and an the disease will not be as bad as and adjacent country, showing ex-newspaper reporter, full of anticipated. Travis is a kind and an honest,, honorable and pros- his experience as a scribbler, precocious child, a general lavor-

of the Trent State Bank informs | Messrs. Rogers Grayson, Bill | Mr. Dock Kelly's horse became us that the farmers' deposits of Tiner, Hubert Seay and several frightened Monday night while this year is about \$30,000 in ex- others whose names we can not returning from Noodle, running cess of any previous year. A recall, attended the woodman away and throwing Mrs. Kelly school, costing \$8000 and em- meeting at Trent Friday night. out and bruising her up considploying eight teachers, is prima All report a most excellent time, erably. facia evidence of the thrift and and a large attendance at the

Prof. L.T.Green and wife, assist- The Merkel Mail is certainly Maude and Alice Hanks and Faned by Prof. Christopher and wife growing in favor with the gener- nie Klepper and Messrs. John Misses Wheeler, Hill, Harkins al public. While passing through Moore, Howard Lewis and and Estep, the last named hav- Shiloh a few days ago, we heard Lounsford Brownfield, all of Doing charge of the music class. some one chanting a beautiful ra community. visited Lake The five churches bear mute evi- ditty, which sounded something Trammel, seven miles southwest dence of the Christian zeal of like this:

interviewed some of the prom- terms of the people of Trent. Sam Grayson, the affable Mayor inent business men, including A box car loaded with shingles of Shiloh, bore a marked resem-

rious illness of Travis V heeler, ver \$40,000, their collections be- We had the pleasure of meet- the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. ite with every one.

A party, consisting of Misses of Sweetwater, last Sunday.

Program for Week of March 5 to 10th COZY THEATRE

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday March 5, 6 and 7th.

The White Company Magicians and Ventriloquists With Picture Program 10 and 20c

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Men. & Tue. March 19 and 20th "The Battle Cry of Peace

LOCAL NEWS

D. J. Dodd of Abilene was a isitor in Merkel the past week.

E. E. Burroughs left last Tuesday for an extended trip to Amarillo.

H. C. Burroughs Jr. has been suffering the past week from an atack of lagrippe.

J. S. Swan made a business trip to Midland last Monday, where he purchased a fine Poll-Hereford bull.

J. M. Moore of Nolan visited the Mail office the past week and placed a subscription with the Mail. While here he agreed to drop us a letter occasionally, advising us of the happenings in his vicinity.

Mrs. C. R. Roland of Route 3. eight miles out, visited the Mail office the past week and renewed her subscription to the publica-

Syrup of all kinds.G.M.Sharp.

C. R. Hutcheson of Trent took advantage of our subscription offer while in the city the other

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burns and daughter, Rennie May, visitd their two daughters, Mesdames Penney and Hampton, of near Big Springs, the past week. They made the trip in their car. Mrs. Burns has not been well for the past four months, but stood the trip well.

Many friends in Merkel are pained to learn of the death of Rev. W. M. Gaddy, formerly pastor of the Baptist church of

A.W. Ely, Route 4, called and subscribed to the Mail the other day. The farmers in that vicinity are well up with their work, and will start planting on time.

Mrs.Sam Butman Sr. was suddenly called to Long Beach, Cal., to visit her mother, who is very low. She left last Monday night a week ago.

Mrs. W. A. Darby and Misses Hattie and Louie Ford Abilene were visitors in M Saturday, and paid the Man

A very serious mountain fir broke out on the Butman ranch last Thursday afternoon. The ranch crew, with several neighbors, fought Thursday night and almost all day Friday, before the fire was under control. It burned off about a section of grass and cedar timber.

C. Harent, of Route 1, was a visitor here the past week. While in he took advantage of our special subscription offer, and inspected our new machine.



IMPLEMENTS

The time for Implements is here, and we have the goods. We have in the Oliver line, Cultivators, Planters, Go Devils, etc. We also have a complete line of John Deere double and single row Cultivators, Planters, Go Devils Section Harrows, and in fact most anything you may need in this dependable line of goods.

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Crown Hardware Co.

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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, it an occurrence of unusual interest transpires reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

PATRONS OF THE MAIL who do not receive their paper regularly wil confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out and renew before your name automatically leave our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expites.

The business men of Merkel have agreed to close their places of business each day at 6:30 p. m., except Saturday. This agreement will remain in force second and fourth Friday nights until September 1.

It is to hoped that every one will read the article on the front page by Judge Overshiner. It is a very creditable article. The whole atmosphere of his argument is aflame with unselfishness.

If we could make some of the catalog house patrons of this country realize just how they were being humbugged, we would feel like we had done a service worth while.

Can any one think of a single good reason we may advance in the securing of a new depot. We feel sure that if the business men of Merkel will just get their heads together, and then very respectfully ask the railroad officials to please grant this much needed boon, they would lose no time in accommodating us. Per- lenses give him the two visions haps they don't know that we he requires in a one-piece lens e can not be blamed for feeling a little ashamed of the road's tardiness in supplying this justly neded improvement.

It is about time to start that "Clean up and Paint up" campaign. It was good two years ago; It was beter last year; why not make it so good this year that not only the "Clean up" will be abundantly emphasized, but H. M. Rombalt Pr.Bd.Stewards also that the "Paint up" will be H.M.Rainbolt Pr. Bd. Stewards practiced a little more. The reason we mention this is because we heard some one say that a little paint might do some good. And then when people fix up a little they just naturally become younger, prettier, kinder, Evening. sweeter; and then again what little fixing we do, we must remember, only brightens our Rev.L. B. Owen lives and the lives around us, and Dr. J. T. Pue this, we know, is a large part of Mrs. J. S. Swann Pr. Ladies and the sublime purpose of life. Let wirs. Chas. West Sec. Ladies Aid us get red hot for the campaign.

Victor Harris, senior member in years of service, of the rural carriers in the post office here received notice the past week of his transfer to Runge, Tex., a Rev. W. G. Cypert . Minister town situated about midway be- H. Turner tween San Antonio and the coast. By mutual consent, W.A. 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Cowan, who had this work at Runge, comes to Merkel to take 10 a. m. Mr. Harris' place, Mr. Cowan, with his family having arrived here Sunday afternoon, and he has already begun work on the Rev. H. E. Bullock

Mr. and Mrs. Harris and H. C. West daughter Ruby left Merkel to ar- Mrs. E. P. McMillen rive in Runge by March 1. This Henry Rose of friends here with genuine regret, the move having been Mrs. R. L. Bland Sec.L.A.M.S. made with the hope of it proving E. P. McMillan beneficial to Mrs. Harris' health.

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Supt. Girls Department Sunday School at 10 a.m. Prayer Meet. Wed. 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice Fri. 7:30 p.m.

to make his acquaintance long in our issue of last week.

Elder Warlick, of Dallas, who before now. We find him to be a has been conducting a revival at most congenial character, and for the Christian church, reports the benefit of those who have a very successful series of meet- not had the pleasure of making ings. We find that we have been his acquaintance, or listening to close neighbors to him before his able discourses, we will say coming to Merkel, and regret that he looks a whole lot better that we did not have occasion than the picture that appeared



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Judge Mims Moves.

Our popular, able and congenial City Attorney,, Judge C.D. Mims, has, after a residence of six years in the second story of The Farmers State Bank building decided to move into the lower story of the John, Sears Building. He will be much more cine but is composed of the following conveniently located hereafter, old-fashioned roots and herbs: sires that his numerous friends call on him there. His new location is almost beneath his forther place of abode.

New Overland Buyers.

Orders have been placed recently for the following Overfamily is given up by their host Mrs. J. S. Saddler Pres. Ladies the addition of these digestive ingredicently for the following Over-Aid and Missionary Society CARA, and thus the combination acts not C. R. Horton, Merkel; W. S. Mctic but also as a digestive and liver tonic. Donald and A. L. Cade, Shiloh; Syrup laxatives are weak, but Lax-Fos all sold by the Horton-Brown matic taste and does not gripe or disturb
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These low prices as long as present stock lasts only. We know that the present wholesale prices are higher than our present retail prices in hundreds of instances. We give you this information for the good it may be to you in persuading you to buy your every spring's dry goods need at the very earliest moment possible, as all goods bought by us from now on must of necessity be higher.

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Men and Boys New Spring Clothing

The nobbiest, newest styles and best qualities AT OLD PRICES AND LESS. As cheap now as at the end of the season. So why not buy now and get the full season's wear.

The hundreds of articles we cannot mention for lack of space will represent equally as Big Savings as those already mentioned and will serve to demonstrate our superior ability to sell Dry Goods of every description at a monster saving to you

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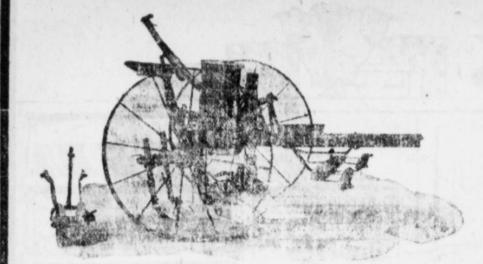
This department is in galla attire with the most beautiful array of the season's newest styles imaginable. With the added feature of LOWER PRICES we have the most excellent Millinery Department in the entire west or east. A LOOK WILL CONVINCE YOU.

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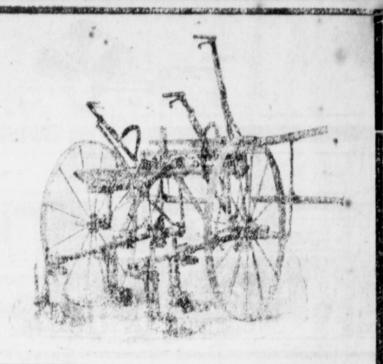
As a token of our appreciation of your patronage—past, present and future—we will give absolutely free with every \$2.00 to \$15.00 purchase, or more, a beautiful and serviceable piece of China or Crockeryware, to be selected by you from a big handsome assortment on display. Only one piece to each customer with each purchase. We sincerely advise you to take as early advantage of this opportunity to supply your spring needs at the OLD PRICE as possible. For, aside from the fact that you will have an unusually large assemblage of beautiful goods to select from early, these prices will not last longer than our present big supply, and you will undoubtedly save from 50 to 125 per cent.



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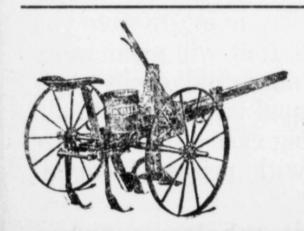


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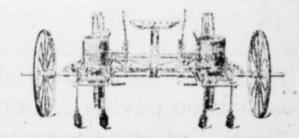
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Miss Evelyn Williams, Editor

W. L. Diltz Jr., who has been in Waco for several months as a my" Bland. again at home.

her way to Trent. No one was Independance Day. hurt, though all parties were very badly frightened.

The XX Century Club was most pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Robt. Hicks last Thursday afternoon. Nothing of unusual interest was done in the business session, and the regular program was given. Those present were Howard, Misses Ruth Mims, Winnie Warren, Pauline Johnson and were served second. ters as a guest.

As refreshments sandwiches and olives with punch were served.

The Merry Wives Club was Hill, E. C. entereained at its last meeting Howell, Clark. by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs

The U. D. C. met with "Tommy" Bland at 3 p.m. Sunday, session was held, and new officers were elected as follows: "Tommy" Bland, treasurer.

joyed by candy eating, "huh- to swell. huh" and kodaking. At 6 p.m. J. P. Hutchins, who has been Saturday and Sunday. the club assembled in the dining down with lagrippe for the past | Lasen Childress was a visitor room, which was beautifully a- month, is able to be about again. to Merkel Saturday.

ferns, the club's color scheme be- The health of this community Abilene Saturday. ing carried out-red and black, is good and farming conditions. Misses Goldie and Myrtle Delicious cream and cake was are in fine shape. "Pat" Bocleu, "Jack" Martin, there are no measles in the com- over the war situation. "Snookie" Barbee and "Tom- munity.

ing", after which the girls went day. to church.

of turning her Dart car over on noon Friday, account of Texas Hamby, Sunday.

A very original dinner party was day given by twelve young ladies in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Duff last Friday evening.

Each young lady prepared one thing for the menu and the num- night. Every one present had a ber present was increased to 25 good time. by each girl inviting a guest.

The place cards for each cou-Mesdames R. A. Martin, W.Par- ple were hidden about the home ten, Wesley Edwards and L. B. and the first six found filled the table. Those not so fortunate

Advertised Letters. Gray, Raymond.

These letters will be sent to themselves like grown-ups. Jr. Only the regular club mem- the dead letter office on March bership was present for the day. 14th. H. C. Williams, Postmas- visitor to Abilene Saturday. ter, Merkel, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Randolph February 25, where the crowd and little son visited the Mail to offset the high price of canhad gathered and a business office the other day and took ad- ned vegetables. We are worryvantage of our subscription of ing a little now as red beans to Iowa, where he went to accom- 13 to 14. Our team is doing exfer. They report measles on ev- has advanced in price, that com- pany the body of Mrs. Townsend cellent work this year. Previous Lampasas. "Tootsie" Toombs, president; ery hand. Farm work is well up modity being about all we get from Abilene. While away he to this year they have had no out their way, and planting will now The early afternoon was en- start as soon as the buds begin

News From Mulberry.

served to "Slim" Howard, "Dick" | School is making fine progress trip to Noodle Sunday. Couch, "Goosie" Swann, "Puss" the attendance keeping up well. Every one seems happy, con-Warren, "Tootsie" Toombs, So far as the writer knows tented and too busy to worry

student in a business college, The late afternoon was enjoy- tending school at Abilene visit- fishing trip on Spring Creek. The having completed his course, is ed by car-riding and "repair- ed homefolks Saturday and Sun- big one didn't get away this

Mrs. Diltz had the misfortune | The post office will close at were guests of C.S. Harison, near trout, which was not the only

business trip to Merkel Satur- in all.

visited relatives here Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Wilder gave the young people a party Friday

Marvin Harrison of Hamby visited friends here Thursday. G. W. Chadwick made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

Mulberry school pupils gave a splendid program Friday a the hostess, and Mrs. B. A. Wal- The entire evening after din- Washington's birthday celebraner was spent in the Duff home. tion. The program, patriotic throughout, was a revelation so those who attended. The hitle folks proved themselves consummate actors, reflecting credit on their teachers and acquiting

Sam Martin was a business

People are gardening some now during the warm days and will try to raise some vegetables

Dentistl Roberson of Merke was the guest of Reese Conley

Anderson were out on a pleasure

G. U. Chadwick and family re-Miss Clara Daniels, who is at-turned home Sunday from a big time as the old fishing tale goes. Mr. and Mrs. Faust and family They caught one sixteen-pound one caught, either, the whole Reese Conley and son made a catch amounting to sixty pounds Correspondent.

Ermer Thornton, near Clyde, The Standing of Contestants on

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from a somewhat extended visit mer's grounds, the score being ing been for several months with, visited the markets in St. Louis experience in basket ball playand other points.

Evangelist W. A. Schultz, of Colorado, was a visitor at the home of his brother-in-law, Minister W. G. Cypert.



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Also our regular program of pictures.

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Mrs. E. M. Rust and Miss Genevieve left Saturday morning for a month's stay in Mineral Wells. Dallas and Fort Worth. Mrs. Rust will spend the greater part of the time at the Wells, while the latter will be a guest of Dr. and Mrs. McCauley in Dallas.

Mrs. C. V. Tennery, of Ardmore, Okla., is visiting her aunt. Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, and other relatives in Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham are again at home from stays in various places, Mrs. Bigham hav her daughter, Mrs. Young, in

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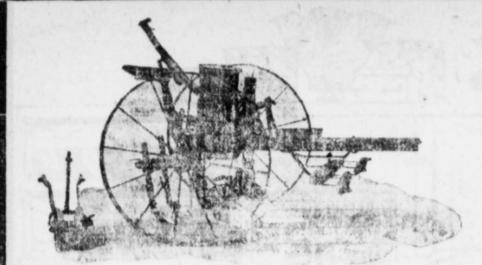
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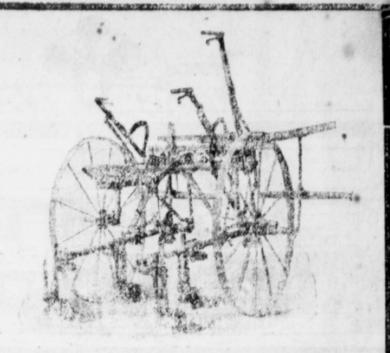
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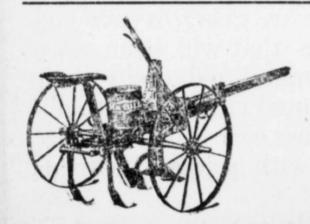


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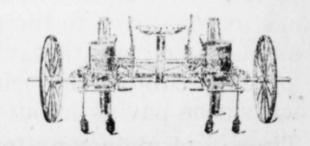
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Miss Evelyn Williams, Editor Warren, "Tootsie"

in Waco for several months as a my" Bland. student in a business college, again at home.

her way to Trent. No one was Independance Day. hurt, though all parties were very badly frightened.

The XX Century Club was most pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Robt. Hicks last Thursday afternoon. Nothing of unusual interest was done in the business session, and the regular program by each girl inviting a guest. was given. Those present were nie Warren, Pauline Johnson and were served second. the hostess, and Mrs. B. A. Walters as a guest.

As refreshments sandwiches and olives with punch were served.

The Merry Wives Club was entereained at its last meeting Howell, Clark. by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs

The U. D. C. met with "Tommy" Bland at 3 p.m. Sunday. February 25, where the crowd had gathered and a business session was held, and new offi-"Tommy" Bland, treasurer.

joyed by candy eating, "huh- to swell. huh" and kodaking. At 6 p.m. J. P. Hutchins, who has been Saturday and Sunday. the club assembled in the dining down with lagrippe for the past | Lasen Childress was a visitor

dorned with cut flowers and ferns, the club's color scheme be-Delicious cream and cake was are in fine shape. served to "Slim" Howard, "Dick" Toombs, W. L. Diltz Jr., who has been "Snookie" Barbee and "Tom- munity.

> ing", after which the girls went day. to church.

of turning her Dart car over on noon Friday, account of Texas Hamby, Sunday.

A very original dinner party was day. given by twelve young ladies in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Duff last Friday evening.

ber present was increased to 25 good time.

Mesdames R. A. Martin, W.Par- ple were hidden about the home ten, Wesley Edwards and L. B. and the first six found filled the ness trip to Abilene Saturday. Howard, Misses Ruth Mims, Win- table. Those not so fortunate

ner was spent in the Duff home.

Advertised Letters. Gray, Raymond.

Hill, E. C.

These letters will be sent to Jr. Only the regular club mem- the dead letter office on March bership was present for the day. 14th. H. C. Williams, Postmas- visitor to Abilene Saturday. ter, Merkel, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Randolph and little son visited the Mail office the other day and took advantage of our subscription ofcers were elected as follows: fer. They report measles on ev-"Tootsie" Toombs, president; ery hand. Farm work is well up out their way, and planting will The early afternoon was en- start as soon as the buds begin

room, which was beautifully a- month, is able to be about again. to Merkel Saturday.

News From Mulberry.

The health of this community Abilene Saturday.

School is making fine progress trip to Noodle Sunday. Couch, "Goosie" Swann, "Puss" the attendance keeping up well. Every one seems happy, con-So far as the writer knows tented and too busy to worry "Pat" Bocleu, "Jack" Martin, there are no measles in the com- over the war situation.

The late afternoon was enjoy-tending school at Abilene visit-fishing trip on Spring Creek. The having completed his course, is ed by car-riding and "repair- ed homefolks Saturday and Sun- big one didn't get away this

Mrs. Diltz had the misfortune | The post office will close at were guests of C.S. Harison, near trout, which was not the only

business trip to Merkel Satur- in all.

visited relatives here Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Wilder gave the Each young lady prepared one young people a party Friday thing for the menu and the num- night. Every one present had a

Marvin Harrison of Hamby The place cards for each cou- visited friends here Thursday. G. W. Chadwick made a busi-

Mulberry school pupils gave a splendid program Friday a The entire evening after din- Washington's birthday celebration. The program, patriotic throughout, was a revelation .o those who attended. The little folks proved themselves consummate actors, reflecting credit on their teachers and acquiting themselves like grown-ups.

Sam Martin was a business

People are gardening some now during the warm days and will try to raise some vegetables to offset the high price of canhas advanced in price, that com- pany the body of Mrs. Townsend cellent work this year. Previous Lampasas. now.

Dentistl Roberson of Merke was the guest of Reese Conley

Webb Faulks was a visitor to

ing carried out-red and black. is good and farming conditions! Misses Goldie and Myrtle Anderson were out on a pleasure

G. U. Chadwick and family re-Miss Clara Daniels, who is at-turned home Sunday from a big time as the old fishing tale goes. Mr. and Mrs. Faust and family They caught one sixteen-pound one caught, either, the whole Reese Conley and son made a catch amounting to sixty pounds Correspondent.

Ermer Thornton, near Clyde, The Standing of Contestants on February — 24 — 1917

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ned vegetables. We are worry- from a somewhat extended visit mer's grounds, the score being to Iowa, where he went to accom- 13 to 14. Our team is doing exmodity being about all we get from Abilene. While away he to this year they have had no visited the markets in St. Louis experience in basket ball playand other points.

G. F. WEST & COMPANY

Evangelist W. A. Schultz, of Colorado, was a visitor at the home of his brother-in-law, Minister W. G. Cypert.



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Kale Boys Victorious

The Kale boys defeated the Trent boys in a very fast game E. P. McMillan has returned last Friday afternoon on the for-Charles Young.

> Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days Vour druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days.
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> The first application gives Ease and Rest. Soc. cent. T. C. Weir, Abilene, Tex.

Coming To The Cozy Theatre. Gala days at Merkel, the occasion being, the coming of The White Co., worlds famous Magicians and Ventriloquists. The White Co. carry with the show, what are said to be the finest set of Ventriloquist figures ever manufactured, made in London. England, expressly for Prof. White.

The Company carry their own stage settings, side tables, center tables, etc.

Madame White will wear in one of her acts, a \$250 Paris Gown, and \$8000.00 worth of diamonds. If you have not heard of The White Company, the man at your elbow has. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 5, 6, 7., at the unheard of price of admission, 10 and 20 cents.

Also our regular program of pictures.

Watch for folders.

Mrs. E. M. Rust and Miss Genevieve left Saturday morning for a month's stay in Mineral Wells. Dallas and Fort Worth. Mrs. Rust will spend the greater part of the time at the Wells, while the latter will be a guest of Dr. and Mrs. McCauley in Dallas.

Mrs. C. V. Tennery, of Ardmore, Okla., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, and other relatives in Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham are again at home from stays in various places, Mrs. Bigham hav ing been for several months with her daughter, Mrs. Young, in

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LOCAL NEWS

Lots of Blacksmith Coal. Crown Hardware Co.

Minister W. G. Cypert will preach Sunday at Trent-11 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Pure red top cane Seed, free of Johnson grass at Bob Martin's

L. B. Howell of Trent was a visitor at the Mail office a few days ago and placed an order for subscription with the paper.

Corn and corn Chops at G.M. Sharp's.

R. F. Mashbury, who lives just east of Stith, called at our office a few days ago. He reports conditions in his neighborhood the very best.

Plenty bran, oats, chops and w feed, shorts. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mrs. R. T. Greer, of Hillsboro, ex., sends in her check for renewal of subscription to the Mail for two years, saying, "We just can't let along without the dear old Merkel Mail."

The finest of arborvitas growing in the nursery here at 25 cents each while they last. J. D. Boring.

Lots of Blacksmith Coal Crown Hardware Co.

The Patterson family, we suppose all of them, as we never did quite get through counting them, were very welcome visitors to our office a few days

Plenty bran, oats, chops and cow feed, shorts. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

J. N. Teaff, who lives a mile west of the city, says conditions around him are very good. He said the health of the communy is fine, except many cases of measles, two cases being in his own family.

Phone Busy Bee Cafe No. 263 or service car-Marvin Boney.

NOTICE

Dr. Daly is coming prepared to treat diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat and fit glasses. Don't forget the dates-in Merkel, March 14. office at the Commercial Hotel.

Try a \$1.00 bucket Wamba coffee at G. M. Sharp's.

R. R. Buford, of Salt Branch community, called and subscrib-The people of his community, he reported, are just geting over a severe epidemic of the measles.

Well Drilling-See R. D. Tyler, or M. D. Daniel.

G.L.Baker, who lives sixmiles fortheast of Merkel, paid his respects to the Mail office the other day. The country around himsis in splendid condition, he

WANTED-All around farm hand. Maried man with small family preferred. See Sam Butman Jr., Route 5.

Pure red top cane Seed, free of Johnson grass at Bob Martin's

Prompt service always rendered by Sublett, the jeweler, at the Merkel Drug Co. 16tf

W. U. Beene of Noodle called a few days since and took advantage of our special subscription offer for himself and also for hisbrother, who lives at Osage. He said that everything was Coking fine in his community since the rain a few days ago.

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Rent your house and rooms. If wired for electric service, we will list them on our rental board, in our show window free of charge. . We will not act as your agent, only assist in renting your vacant property.

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North Texas hay, nice and freen. G. M. Sharp.

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Yard-wide Silks in Guaranteed Taffetas

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Choice designs for you to select a skirt, coat suit or dress to please your taste.

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You will be delighted when you look over the good qualities and cleverness of colorings. Have them in all the wanted, quiet to loud sport stripes

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\$1 Ladies Waists

Just received, beautiful India Lawn, laced, trimmed, long sleeves.

\$1 Mens Pants

Mens work pants, overalls, boys Sunday pants-all new

\$1 Wash Bresses

Childrens white lace trimmed. Ladies striped ginghams

\$1 Mens Shirts

The shirts we are selling for \$1 are worth \$1.25

\$1 Pure Silk Hose

Ladies Plain Black Ladies Embroidered These are A1 values

\$1 Union Suits

For men and ladies, of best makes, knit and muslin

Boys striped and solid blue Overalls Mens and boys Spring 1917 Caps

Mens Silk Hose, all colors Ladies Boot Silk, black and white

Good makes of best for prices in Union Suits for boys and men, short and full lengths

Beautiful new fancy and plain, all silk Ribbons, 1c per yard to 35c per yard ATTRACTIVE NEW LINE OF LACES AND EMBROIDERIES

Best Shoes that Money and Brains can Make

Frankness is always best, therefore we are saying to you that shoes are still advancing and no one yet can say how much higher they will go. The great demand across the seas, at home and scarcity of skins is the reason for advance in price. We are saving our trade 10c to \$1.00 per pair on shoes

Just received Leather Bags and Suit Cases. Also good Trunks Stetson Hats at The Old Prices

Ladies Silk Dresses at \$10 to \$20. See Them

Skirts \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50

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Our Redfern line needs no introduction, as it is known to every woman to be the best suit made.

Prices range

\$18.50

up to

\$35.00



NEW DRESSES

For spring are beautiful. Made of Georgette Crepe, Taffeta, Crepe de Chine, etc.

We received a big express shipment this week and others are arriving daily.

The prices are moderate, Ranging from

up to

\$15.00

\$27.50

A Complete Showing of Spring Merchandise

In assembling our spring and summer stock, we have used the greatest care and caution, to insure our patrons the same class of merchandise that has been our custom to carry, our prices are still old prices which enables us to save you money in every department. Come in and let us convince you



Fashionable Spring Footwear

Smart footwear is the keynote for the Spring and Summer season. This will be a Big White Season and we have stocked heavily to insure our patrons. New shoes at

High shoes in Black, White and Grey Kid, \$6.50 to \$8.00

Slippers in black and white kid, sport oxfords and Mary Janes, \$2,50 up to . \$7.50

NEW SPRING SUITS

FOR MEN

Are here in splendid assortments, in the newest spring models, made by

Hart Schaffner & Marx

from all-wool materials and in new weaves and patterns. Prices

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MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS

We are showing an exceptionally strong line of men's shirts for spring and summer. All the late patterns and conservative stripes. Ask to see our line of "ARROW" shirts, priced

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SILK SHIRTINGS

Just the thing for men's silk shirts.

Striped Crepe de Chines

Tub Silk and

Fancy Pongees
Priced

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For Saturday

12 yards good grade 10c Ginghams for Saturday, 12 yards \$1.00

15 yards 27-inch Percale, in lights, blues and grays, Saturday, 15 yards \$1.00 Extra heavy Turkish Bath Towel 19x40, for

For Saturday only, will sell Big Buck Overalls, known as the best, for per pair \$1.00

Nice conservative striped shirts for men, for Saturday, two for \$1.00



MEN'S SPRING HATS AT OLD PRICES

A big showing of the new and nifty styles for spring. All the new shapes and colors will be here in KINGSBURY Hats at the same old price you have been paying

\$3.00

WE ANNOUNCE

For the week a Special Opening of the newest spring styles in

MILLINERY FOR CHILDREN

We extend a very cordial invitation to all who have children to visit our Millinery department this week.



MANY NEW PRETTY WAISTS

Will be found in the Waist Department this week. New arrivals in Georgette Crepes, Crepe de Chines, Silks, Voiles and Lingeries, priced

\$1.00 to \$6.50

A SPLENDID SHOWING IN NEW SPRING SKIRTS

The most desirable materials are Poplins, Serges, Panama Cloths and a nice assortment of striped and plaid wool serges. Also Taffetas in plain, striped and plaids. Priced

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